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*Board of Registration in Optometry*

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## ANNUAL REPORT - FISCAL 1982

Dear Mr. Mattuchio:

The Board of Registration in Optometry has the honor to submit to you its seventy-first Annual Report as prescribed by Section 67, Chapter 112, of the General Laws.

The Board during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1982, met on thirteen separate days, for formal and informal hearings, conferences and board meetings and four for practical examinations.

The Clinical demonstration of ability in office procedure, instrumentation analysis, diagnosis, prescription writing, the determination of the necessity of procedure, the fitting of contact lenses, the correction of glasses prescribed as to the prescription conformity and the proper adjustment of glasses to a patient were held at the Boston Eye Clinic of the New England College of Optometry on November 25, 1981 and June 14, 15, 16, 1982.

There were fourteen applicants for the November 1981 examination; eleven passed, one failed, two did not appear. For the June 1982 examination, ninety applicants applied; sixty-five passed, twelve failed, eight did not appear and five changed their dates. They will be notified of the date of the next examination. During this fiscal year a total of one hundred and four applications were received; two of which were for re-exam, three through reciprocity. Seventy-five certificates were issued in the 1982 fiscal period.

A bill authorizing the use of diagnostic pharmaceutical agents by certain optometrists was submitted to the General Court but was rejected. A bill changing Section 73B of Chapter 112, General Laws was submitted by a group of individuals and passed.

Twenty-seven complaints were received of which five were settled compatibly by letter, telephone or informal hearings. One licensee received a twelve month suspension with a suspension of 11 months of the suspension with stipulations required by the Board following a formal hearing.

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For this fiscal year, one thousand, three hundred and nine renewed their certificates, nine retired, two chose not to renew, one has a five year leave, five were deceased, one was suspended and forty-eight were revoked for non-payment of their annual renewal fee. All registrants submitted the required eight hours of continuing education credits with the following exceptions, five received medical waivers, six non-practicing waivers.

At the Annual meeting in Ocotber 1981, Dr. Frederick Wagner was elected Chairman of the Board and Dr. Joan M. Exford, re-elected as Secretary.

Dr. Alton Lamont was appointed by His Excellency Governor Edward J. King, as a member of the Board to fill the expired term of Dr. Leonard DiGregorio. Mr. Frederick Ricketts, consumer member of the Board, passed away on June 6, 1982.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joan M. Exford, O.D.*  
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Secretary

Dated November 22, 1982